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**SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Appaloosa Library
September 21, 2016 - 3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Dana Braccia, via phone
Teresa Kim Quale, Chair
Laraine Rodgers, Vice Chair arrived at 3:55pm
Joe Rubin
Doug Sydnor
Mary Wilber

Absent: Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain

Staff Present: Kathleen Wade, Library Director
Robbin Gaebler, Senior Manager, Building Operations & Volunteer Svcs.
Kathy Coster, Senior Manager, Early Learning & Marketing Svcs.
Sky Larsen, Branch Manager Appaloosa Library
Mariko Whelan, Early Learning Coordinator
Erin Jones, Branch Manager Arabian Library
Jennifer Wong-Ortiz, Youth Services Librarian
Kimberly McIntier, Assistant City Attorney
Killeen Sepulveda, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Quale called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

New Library Board member Joe Rubin introduced himself and spoke about his background.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Sydnor called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June meeting. Board member Braccia seconded and the motion passed 3-0 (Mary Wilber and Joe Rubin abstained).

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (ARS 38-431.02)

There were no members of the public present for this meeting.

LIBRARY STAFF REPORTS OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Library Director's Report –Library Director Kathleen Wade

- Director Wade deferred to Sky Larsen, Branch Manager of Appaloosa Library, who spoke about her history with Scottsdale Public Library and gave updates on programming and statistics at the Appaloosa branch. Board Member Sydnor posed several questions regarding the amount of staff at Appaloosa, reporting that when the branch was in the planning stages, it was expected to have 23 staff members, but it now only has 13.
- Director Wade announced that the Children's Learning and Play Festival is coming up on October 1st at WestWorld, and announced that the Ultimate Play Date will return on March 4, 2017.
- Director Wade reported that the closing event of the Professor McGee exhibit was a success, with around 170 people in attendance.
- Director Wade reported that the Civic Center Library had a large showing for the Sci-Tech Festival that was based at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. There were large groups in all of the rooms at Civic Center Library, which held the overflow for the event.
- Director Wade spoke about the volunteer policy of the City, and clarified that the policy states that even if you are an acting Board/Commission member, you can still have other volunteer duties in the City.

Library Service Highlight- Jennifer Wong-Ortiz and Mariko Whelan-Summer Reading Program and Early Learning Program Update

Youth Services Librarian Jennifer Wong-Ortiz presented the statistics from the Summer Reading Program, reporting that the children's numbers were slightly down, but the rate of completion for teens and adults was up from last year.

Early Learning Coordinator Mariko Whelan spoke about two conferences she attended and spoke at, the National Science Teachers Association Conference and the First Things First Early Childhood Summit. She reported that 276 families participated in the Knowing and Growing programs last year and that the library was awarded \$156,000 to continue the programs and train other libraries throughout the state.

Patron Comment Report – Kathleen Wade

In response to multiple comments about the noise level in the gallery, Director Wade reported that she met with Scottsdale Arts staff to discuss upcoming exhibits. There may be a change in the type of exhibit that is in the gallery space in the summer. Board Member Sydnor reported that he had attended an Economic Development meeting upstairs over the summer, and the noise from the gallery exhibit was very bad. Director Wade stated that library staff will be more involved in the planning of exhibits in the future.

POLICY REVISION CUS-2A

Board Member Wilber moved to approve the revised policy CUS-2A, seconded by Board Member Sydnor and the motion passed 6-0.

POLICY REVISION CUS-2B

Vice Chair Rodgers moved to approve the revised policy CUS-2B, seconded by Board Member Wilber and the motion passed 6-0.

POLICY REVISION CIR-1

Board Member Wilber moved to approve the revised policy CIR-1, seconded by Vice Chair Rodgers and the motion passed 6-0.

STATISTICS OVERVIEW SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

Director Wade presented general library statistics, including collection and circulation numbers, adult and youth programming numbers and public computer use. Board Member Wilber and Vice Chair Rodgers asked for specific numbers (in lieu of percentages) for Youth and Adult programs.

INCIDENT STATISTICS REPORT

This item was tabled for discussion at the October meeting.

IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Chair Quale spoke about auto-renewal again and would like to see it on the next agenda. Vice Chair Rodgers asked for clarification on how to submit agenda items.

Director Wade responded that if a board member has something they want on the agenda, this is the time to bring it up.

Board Member Braccia asked if action items can be placed at the beginning of the agenda, and Board Chair Quale responded that if staff or the public is presenting and/or listening, it's better to have those done at the beginning of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Member Sydnor reported that he attended a General Plan Open House and said that there was not a lot that would impact the library.
- Vice Chair Rodgers attended a pre-meeting with Long Range Planning and then did a working session.
- Board Member Wilber reported that she asked for an item to be placed on the agenda this month, but was turned down. She got an email from a library patron complaining about an Adult Services program titled "The Latino Vote and the Anti-Immigration Movement." The patron felt that the library had crossed a line by hosting this program and was concerned that the program was one-sided. Board Member Wilber responded to the patron by pointing out that the library had books on current political candidates that were decidedly partisan and that no one would accuse the library of favoring a candidate. The patron told Board Member Wilber that he intended to attend the program. Board member Wilber did attend and found the program academic in nature, but she thinks the library might want to put a statement about how they do not endorse a particular group or ideology.
- Board Chair shared photos of her visit to the Denver Public Library.
- Administrative Secretary Killeen Sepulveda shared a photo of a library in Portugal, which was sent via email from Board Member Sharp-Chamberlain.
- Board Member Braccia mentioned that she will attend the Library Journal Director's Summit in Sacramento in December. She will bring back all the talking points and information to share with the board.
- Vice Chair Rodgers shared that she went to a library while on vacation in Hawaii and found that it was the very popular and was the center of community engagement in that area.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Killeen Sepulveda, Administrative Secretary